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Preliminary Amendment re Sequence Disclosures

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 55, line 6, with the following redlined paragraph:

It was determined that the 1269-bp including a stop codon (TAA) open reading frame (ORF) of SHB-GAS-103 encodes a 422 amino- acid-residues polypeptide with a predicted pI of 9.11 and a predicted molecular mass of 46,605. 3 Da. Analysis of the predicted amino acid residues sequence (SEQ ID NO: 4) using the Spscan software (Wisconsin Sequence Analysis Package; Genetics Computer Group) suggested the existence of a 27 amino acid residues signal peptide (MFQLRKKMTRKQLALLSAGVLTCCVGG) (SEQ ID NO: 45).

Please delete the section of the application entitled "Sequence Listing" immediately after Claim 37 and insert the enclosed Sequence Listing therefor.